

Rare Earths Is the U.S. Trading a Cartel for Monopoly?

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Rare Earths and National Security



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Rare Earths Uses

- Computer hard drives and cellular phones
- MRI machines
- Environmental products such as electric cars, wind turbines and solar panels
- Military weapons, including the electronic controls and electric motors used in missiles
- Everything else

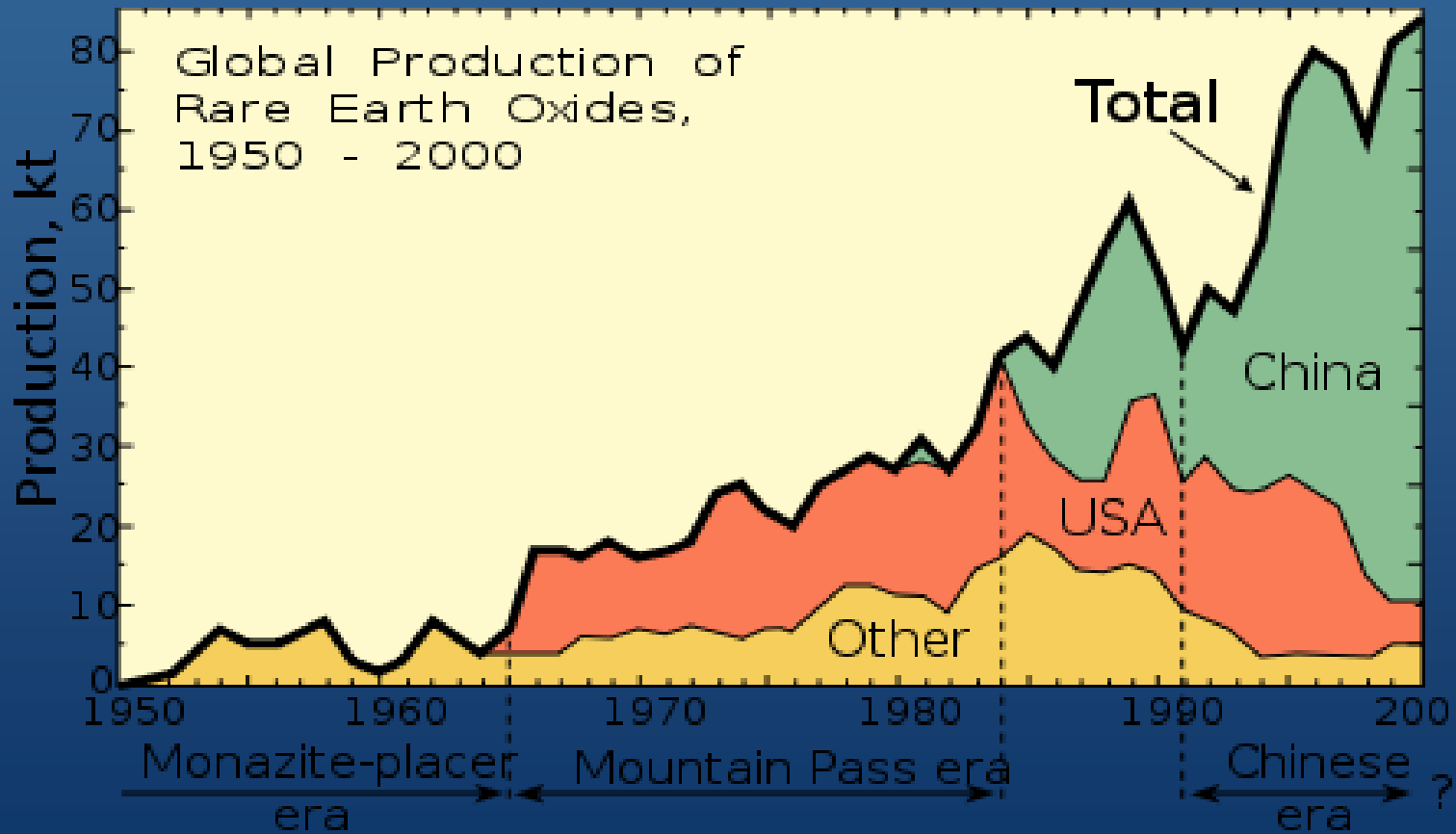


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Production Trends

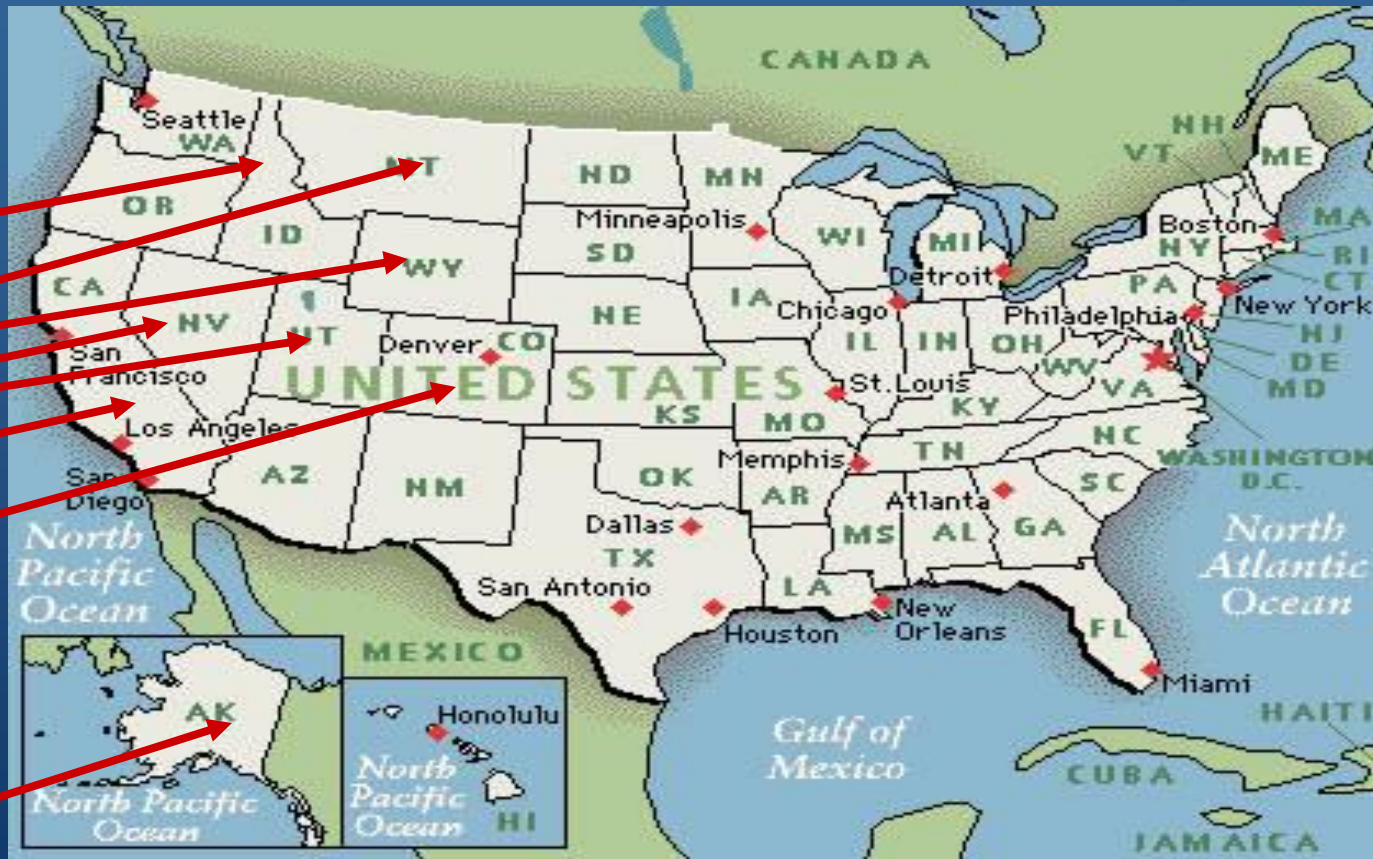


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Domestic Rare Earth Deposits



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Rare Earth Mines

Others
Planned
and Hoped



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...so what's holding U.S. back?

- Multiple layers of permitting
- Conflicts in permitting (e.g. state versus tribal)
- Expensive permits (see above)
- Unequal Application of Environmental Laws (e.g. habitat protection and species)
- Disconnect in Congress
- Misdirected Subsidies to Demand not Supply



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What's the Answer?

Dig, Baby, Dig!



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